MARBLE HILL, + .. - MISSOURI

There must be larger birds. The women want them for their bonnets.

The clergyman who married a cou ple in a lions' den took care to remain outside during the ceremony. He hadn't the blood of the late Mr. Daniel in his veins, and he had no desir to go to judgment.

A couple lately sought fame by he ing married in a cage with two lions at a "zoo." The same day a free woman married a convict in a prison cell. and a giggling couple mounted a stove which became theirs at the close of the ceremony. When one reads of these, and also of mock marriages between tiny children at charity fairs, one better comprehends the growing levity with which solemn ceremonies are in-

The bulk of England's great ocean tonnage is made up of what is known as "tramp steamers"-stanch, but slow freight carriers, economical in maintenance, which seek cargoes wherever they are to be found. There may be much significance in the announce ment that the first American steamer of this character is under construction with the Bath Iron works of Bath, Me. This vessel is for a New York house. It is to be completed next May, and will at once compete with the foreign "tramp steamers.

It would seem that one of the chief cares of schools and colleges would be that students should learn to speak correctly. The mental drill that accompanies the study of language is in valuable. Of course, it is easy to say that there are many things in life more important than correct speaking. This is true, but as a nation we are old enough to have acquired not merely the essentials, but some of the graces as well. In other words, it is time we were adding to our common schooling evidences of culture. And one of the most indisputable of these is correct

The Queen Regent of Spain has pardoned the Americans who were taken from the schooner Competitor in April, 1896, as she was engaged in landing a military expedition on the Cuban coast. These men, including the captain, mate and steward of the schooner and newspaper correspondent, were tried by court martial soon after their canture and sentenced to death. The United States government intervened to secure for them a trial by the civil courts, in accordance with our treaties with Spain. The cases were the subject of protracted diplomatic correspondence and of several debates in congress. The course of Spain, in setting the men free, removes one of the most serious causes of irritation between the two countries.

Last year the girls in a school in Brookline, Mass., took lessons in bread and cake making, while the boyc learned carpentry and carving. This year the girls are making wooden tables and chairs, but the boys, one day each week, are taught to make coffee. to boil cereals, to broil steaks, to fry and scrambled eggs, and to make omelets. One boy, while admitting that the failures were many, remarked that cooking was much nicer than sawing boards or hammering nails, "Cos you can walk around and talk and taste all the things." Whatever that cooking class may do for the boys, the lessons in earpentry will do much for the girls if they teach them to hammer in a nail without pounding a finger nail or splitting the board, and to set a screw and saw a board without becoming nervous.

A United States report on Austria as a grain-producing country says: From statistics it is evident that a marked change has occurred during the last few years as regards the grain situation in Austria-Hungary, Not only in the case of wheat, but also in that of the various other cereals, the tendency has been towards a larger home consumption of the national area duct and a consequent reduction of the surplus available for shipment to other lands. To such an extent have the exports declined and the imports increased that most of the cereals are now brought into the country in lar ger quantities than they are exported Barley is the only grain of which any considerable amount continues to be shipped abroad. In respect to other cereals, the status of the Monarchy is apparently that of transition from an exporting into an importing country While it is hardly to be expected that these changed conditions will to any considerable extent create an enlarged demand for American cereals, the facts set forth are certainly of interest as indicating the lessened importance of Austria-Hungary among the countries with which the United States is obliged to compete in the grain marts of the world.

An exasperating instance of the law's quibbles appeared in the United States circuit court the other day, when a father suing a railroad company for killing his boy was defeated on the ground that his child was killed instantly. That is to say, it was held that only the injured himself has the right to recover damages, and that the boy, dying instantly, could not be presumed to have transmitted his rights to his heirs, as he could have done if he had lived a few minutes. This ruling is not legally objectionable. For all that, it is a disgusting quibble.

Two items in the budget of the bank at Monte Carlo, for the year ending Oct. 31: "Payments to ruined gamblers, one hundred thousand francs for the prevention of suicides, one hundred thousand francs." Here is a sermon, "writ large," on the question, Does gambling pay?

Asparagus causes asthma, according to Dr. Deschamps, of Paris, and mus be added to the list that contains roses musk, tea, ipecacuanha, cats, fried fish oats, malt and rice dust, feathers and

The New York Rhinelander who has scandalized the "400" for the second time by marrying his housemaid-his first wife having been a servant in the family-appreciates the value of good sekeeping and is not making much of a sacrifice in preferring that bless-

Mark Twain, in saying that he is till deeply in debt, reminds us of the uty of consolation through the rethe world is still more desp-

DEMOCRATIC FORCES READY FOR BATTLE.

And They Are Eager for the Fray The Slogan of 16 to 1 Will Be Heard in Every Congressional District in the United States.

The Democratic managers intend to inaugurate the congressional campaign at an early day, says Senator Jones, tion and civil service reform, the Dem- | deficits for the years named: country are of the most encouraging character.

According to these reports, the Democrats are practically certain to gain eight seats in Illinois, seven in Indiana, five in Iowa, four in Kentucky. five in Maryland, seven in Michigan, four in Minnesota, twelve in New York, six in Ohio, five in Pennsylvania and two in West Virginia.

This makes a total gain of sixty three and it is not expected that the Republicans will gain more than four seats, making the next Democratic gain sixty. According to these figures, the next house would stand: Republicans, 183; opposition, 71. It is not doubted that the Populists and the For 1899 25,000,000 silver Republicans will act with the Democrats in the next congress. In organizing the house the Democrats would be allowed to name the three principal officers and the chairmen of all the important committees, while one of the house officers and a number of the less important chairmanships would be given to the Populists and Silver Republicans.

"So far as the state of Kentucky is oncerned," says Representative David Highbaugh Smith of Hodgensville, Larue county, "the Republicans have had their day in court down there and have shown themselves to be unworthy of public confidence. The administration of Governor Bradley is so dis astrous a failure as to amount almos to a disgrace. The men who have been sent to Washington by the Kentucky Republicans during their lease of power have not made a favorable impression on the country. The old commonwealth is back again in the Democratic column, and there it is likely to stay. At the next election for members of congress the Democrats will carry every district except the eleventh and the delegation in the next house will consist of ten Democrats and one Republican. Silver will be the battle cry all along the line. The platform will be the same in every district. It will be such that there will be no need for fusion. The candidacies in various districts will be distributed among the Democrats, Populists and Silver Republicans, according to the vote polled in 1896.

Wall Street Reformers. Democrats in the house of representatives have placed themselves on record as opposed to the retirement of the green backs.

They will oppose, undoubtedly, all attempts to change the legal interpretation of the word "coin" so that it shall mean gold instead of gold and silver. They will also oppose the is suing of gold bonds. The absurdity of attempting to pay a debt by increasing the obligation is an invention Republican financiers, and will be repudiated by the conscientious and conservative Republicans.

Indeed, there are many Republican representatives who will oppose bond ssues and "coin" interpretations from reasons that are neither conscientious nor conservative, but simply political These men will be candidates for reelection in 1898, and they dare not go before the people with a record of having voted for or advocated such meas-

This fact shows conclusively that bondholders and gold grabbers. If it were not, why should Republican represcutatives fear to take it before the people? Currency "reform," as adstreet, will make no progress in congress during the present session, and this is equivalent to saying that it will never make progress.

It is more than likely that the next house will show a large increase in Democratic membership, and, knowing this, the gold clique is anxious to push measures now. These efforts, however, will be in vain, and in 1900 the people will have an opportunity to in augurate true reform with the inauguration of a Democratic president .-Chicago Dispatch.

Reeping the Dark Side Concealed. Some of the Republican organs are 'pointing with pride" to the increase of wages by Jones & Laughlin and some of the other iron and steel companies, the increase affecting about 5,000 workers. But they do not quote as an offset against this the big cut in wages of cotton operatives, a cut of 10 per cent being necessary in the wages of 28,000 New England operatives. This makes quite a difference in the "prosperity" showing.

What the Democrats Believe Those who are inclined to the opinon that the Chicago platform is too radical for a Democratic platform should read the following, taken from an address issued by the "Young Democracy" at a convention held in Philadelphia fifty years ago, a copy of for the people. which is in the possession of Col. S F. Norton of the Chicago Sentinel. As good as is the Chicago platform, compared with some others, it might go considerably further and still not reach the demands of the democratic

party fifty years ago, which were as "We demand that one man shall not hereafter be allowed to hold unlimited thousands of acres of the common inheritance, while hundreds and thou sands of the race are homeless and

destitute. "We maintain that every man is entitled to as much of the earth's surface as may be necessary to supply the

wants of each and all. The first great natural right of every human being-the most essential the most vitally important of all with which man is most endowed, is the right to as much of the food and other necessaries of life as will make existence not only endurable but a pleasure

This right is as old as creation is covered with man's wants, and is as lienable as life itself. "If a man has a right to live, he has a right to a place, a home in which to

"Man has just as much right to the means of living as he has to life; the one grows out of the other, and he can as justly be divested of the one as of the other.

"He who robs another of the means of life, as certainly commits a murder as he would have done had he thrust a dagger into his heart."

Revenue From Miscellaneous Source

The treasury report in relation to recelpts and deficits is a curious study. national commander of the allied forces But to discover its true inwardness are quarreling and fighting among mathematical ingenuity. The report ocrats are ready to make a determined For 1897\$18,500,000

> Total deficits for 3 years . \$68,100,000 How much would these deficits have able to sell three or four job lots of under the head of "miscellaneous reitems. For the last year the "miscellaneous receipts" amounted to less than \$1,000,000. Including 1897 the and estimated as follows: For 1897\$ 913,120

Total "miscellaneous re-

ceipts" (mostly from railroad sales)\$49,913,120 To ascertain how much the Dingley eficit would have been in three years but for the windfall from sales of the Pacific railroads add the amount of the deficits to the amount of the railroad sales, as follows:

Deficits from 1897 to 1899, ...\$68,100,000 inclusive 'Miscellaneous receipte' (mostly railroad sales).... 49,913,120

But for receipts from

railroad sales deficits would have been\$118,013,120 This would have been the enormous deficit confronting the treasury at the close of 1899 but for the receipts from rallroad sales.

Too Easy on Bank Wreckers. The President is showing a mistaken clemency to bank wreckers. It is said that he has pardoned on an average one of these gentry every three weeks since his inauguration But if there is one class of scoundrels which deserves no such mercy it is this. Such crimes ought to receive the severest punishment, but it is all too seldom that the bank wreckers can be convicted at all. Executives would better urge stricter laws against bank wreckers than pull down what bars the law now provides against them.

Will Not Down. With a yawning chasm between reeipts and expenditures, with protection in abundance and revenue a neg ative quantity, the Republicans say they want the tariff let alone for ten years. No doubt, but the people who pay these taxes do not propose to let it alone. "Maw, make Bill keep quiet every time I hit him with the hammer

One Way to Wips Out Deficit. We observe that quite a number of oral republican editors are pointin with pride to the gratifying increase in the internal revenue receipts. If an impetus can be given to the general drunkenness of the country the grand old republican party will be rescue from the hole in the treasury and the ship of state will avoid the rocks.

As the Republicans Reason, Wonderful is the logic of Republic anism. According to this system the Wilson bill brought about a deficit of \$70,000,000 fourteen months before i was passed, and now it has brought currency "reform" is a class issue; is about a deficit of \$46,000,000 five scheme gotten up for the benefit of months after it has been repealed.

Better Teach Him to Forget. must teach the farmer to "We think" declares one of the officials of vocated by the attorneys of Wall the agricultural department. He will be performing a greater service to the present administration if he will but impart to the farmer the art of forget-

Where McKinley Comes Out Strong. McKinley can use strong language and make powerful recommendations on occasion. Read his scathing remarks against the yellow fever,

TIMELY ADVICE.

Do you belong to a silver club? If not, why not? The battle for YOUR PROSPERITY can never be won without your aid.

Are there any gold bugs in YOUR vicinity? Find out who they are and all about them. As such they have no business to meddle in Democratic politics. They belong in the Republican

party. If you see an article in this paper that contains any points that would in your opinion remove doubt from the mind of a Republican neighbor please send him a marked copy. The great majority of Republicans are honest and only need to read the truth honestly told.

If every Democrat puts his shoulder to the wheel 1898 will be a great year

In the congressional campaigns every Democratic candidate for congress must stand on a platform that indorses the Cnicago platform in every partic ular, as well as the financial issue,

It is the duty of every Democrat to make a personal neighbor-to-neighbor campaign in behalf of the Democratic platform. Work among Republicans who are disappointed at the action of the administration in slumping to the gold standard. Honest Republicans will be glad to listen to you.

Do not allow a goldbug into any Democratic club with which you are connected. Point to the fact that a man cannot be a Democrat and an advocate of the British gold standard at one and the same time.

The Regular League of Democratic Clubs, national headquarters Wainwright building, St. Louis, Missouri, is carrying on the work of organisation in every county in Miss Write to the secretary, Lee Meriweath er, and he will tell you how to organ live, and a right to all the necessary lise a club

THE BATTLE CRY OF THE DEM-OCRATIC PARTY.

> Its Mission to Tear Away the Mask o Blindness—The Cry of Anarchy Shall Not Estop the Grand Work That Is Now Going On.

Agitation, as the word is used

in politics, is discussion. It is in-

vestigation. There never, so far as of Democracy, while the Republicans | does not require an excessive gift of | 1 can recall, has been an instance in history where honest men have themselves over Cuba, the money ques- shows that there will be the following said, "Do not investigate." Every thlef and every murderer is an opponent of investigation. King George effort to capture the next house. The For 1898 28,000,000 | the III. tried to prevent people printing criticisms of his acts. Today in Russia the plainest question of human | If he does not acquiesce, the stage liberty cannot be discussed in the public papers. In Germany the editors are been if the government had not been being constantly thrown into prison merely because they reason on public railroads? In the treasury report the questions. The enemies of sound mon- its parts are distributed to the mem receipts from railroad sales are classed | ey try to slur the discussion of the money question by referring to it as ter, or the company supporting the ceipts," with sales of public lands, con- agitation. The people may chew the "star," If such organization is not science fund collections and similar old rag of protection till they become poor as Lazarus, and these wise finan- to be found and specially engaged, unciers do not call it agitation. To the pensioner of a special privilege, public "miscellaneous receipts" are reported discussion becomes dangerous agitation whenever public discussion becomes dangerous to the special priv-For 1898 24,000,000 ilege. It is possible, by continually calling evil good to secure in the minds of many the attributes of good for evil; and thus the highest reasoning may sometimes lose a just prestige by being sneeringly called 'dangerous agitation." The misnaming of things, the sneer, hypocritical can't, the assumption of phenomenal arate article called for, from an imipiety, have been in all ages the peculiar antics whereby fraud has sought through the channels of legislation to retain or secure special privileges which it was unable or too cowardly to secure by violence. The money power by collusion with the so-called agents of the people, now enjoys the special privilege of having their bonds paid in gold. The law as it now stands gives the people the right to pay off this indebtedness in that metal which is the cheaper and easier to obtain. Even though the law is clearly and

plainly on the side of the debtor, the money power has always so far succeeded in getting one of their own agents in the treasury department of the government. Mr. Gage, a banker, is now in that position. These agents of the banks have for years served the money power instead of the people; and so it occurs that even in violation of law, these bank agents, at the behest of the creditor, pay out the dearer metal. Can it be wondered that those enjoying this special privilege cry out against agitation? Is it to be wondered at that they dread investigation? Their hope is in arousing prejudice They dare not arouse reason. Reason is their foe. Reason aroused, like a mighty lion, would burst through clouds of abuse and into the field of their silly sophistries, and tear from the eyes of the weak the wool of deception; and then the goddess of special privilege, though entrenched behind stolen millions, would die among her worshippers. In this lies the cause of such persistent ranting about anarchy, idiots, lunatics and wild-eyed fanatics. Truth was never in the history of the world defended by such agencies and weapons as are now being used by the money power to defend their dying cause. No, the "silver dead! No, th not going to permit Wall street to

As incomprehensible as it may be to some, a policy may be inaugurated which cannot be carried into execution except through suffering and misfortune of the masses. The money power now has such a policy in more or less successful operation, and as rapidly as possible it is perfecting it. ly costumes and elaborate scenery Wall street is a regular hatchery of panies and financial tricks-a sort of Pandora's box of troubles. The money question will be kept in politics until the birds of discontent go home to roost. A little of the discontent of the people will be transferred to Wall street; a little of the prosperity of the money lender will be transferred to the money borrower; and the great highway of the transfer will be the road of politics .- John Williams,

take the money question out of poll-

SHOULDER BLADES.

"President McKinley is a jelly fish. He has no backbone. He possesses the dignity of his office, and that is all. He is weak, vaciliating and uncertain. He is one thing today and another thing tomorrow." That's what ex-Minister Hannis Taylor says about our president, and there are others of the same opinion.

Senator Thurston said before the last election that if Gen. Tracy, the republican nominee, were not elected the republicans could not elect the next president and would not elect another for many years, if ever. Gen, Tracy was not elected, and from all appearances Mr. Thurston's predictions bid fair to pan out correct. If not, why not?

The monopolycrats will have to point out something more than prosperous banks before they can fool any thinking man into the belief that the country is prosperous. Of course the banks, money sharks and trusts are prosperous; that's why they spent millions to secure McKinley's election, and now they are reaping their benefit, but how about the debt-ridden pro-

Judge Reed, of Council Bluffs, has made another bid for monopoly favors by publicly declaring that it is perfectly right for one man to absorb the wealth which another produces and intimates that our laws should be so adjusted as to foster a rich few at the expense of a pauper many. That man Reed's chances for promotion are elegant, so long as the monopolists rule and ruin the nation,-Farmers' Tribune.

Men who have tried say that it is more difficult to borrow money from the banks now than ever before, notwithstanding the fact that deposits are said to have increased and there is more money in sight. The banks require gilt-edged security and lots of it, and there is very little of that left. Under our present dog-eat-dog system the money grabbers of the country have all the money and all the security, too, and the people have no way of getting either the one or the

Don't try to live without your in-

FORMING THE LINES. | means which go to make life a bene- | AGITATE --- EDUCATE, | THE PLAY BEHIND THESCENES | SCIENTIFIC POINTERS. | There are persons who seem to have Scrofula and

The Work That Is Done and the Mead That Is Spent. We all date our brief examination o the history of a play from the moment the manager of the theater, or, per haps, the actor-manager, accepts the work and decides to "put it on;" though, indeed, most plays, even a that early stage, have already a long and checkered past, says Leslie's Weekly. The stage manager takes the typewritten, oilcloth covered manuscript, in which form the play at this time has its material existence, and proceeds to cut, slash, and generally remodel it, by means of a robust blue pencil. If the author is a man (or woman, we ought to say nowadays) of experience, he diplomatically assists at this operation, which means his practical acquiescence in all of the stage manager's somewhat dogmatic views. manager goes on cutting and slashing just the same, while the author gnashes his teeth in impotent rage Then the play is cast-that is to say bers of the stock company of the theaalready in existence, the people have der contracts as easily breakable (by the manager) as ple crust. Their pay does not begin until the actual public presentation of the piece, though their hardest work is done during the weeks. perhaps months, of rehearsal. Meanwhile, the stage manager has prepared a "scene plot," wherewith to start the scene painters, stage carpenters, elec-

tricians and gasmen at their respective jobs. A list of "properties" is drawn up, including all furniture and accessories used in each act, and every sep tation elephant to a forged will. the play be a costume piece (requiring foreign or fancy dress, or clothes of another period than today), these have to be designed, fitted and made to order for the principals of the cast. The wigmaker receives extensive and dl vers orders. The leader of the orches tra has troubles of his own with the incidental music. Finally a call is posted and the company assembles for the first rehearsal. This may be in the theater where the play is to be presented, or in any other house that happens to be unoccupied at the moment. It is not matter-all stages are alike, behind the curtain. They are all bleak, dark, draughty and dusty, Ledger. and always smell of gas. Time, 10 a m.-The stage manager, sitting enthroned at a little table at the fron and center of the stage, with the manuscript before him and a movable bunch-light at his side, dominates the scene. The cavernous gloom of the

empty theater stretches beyond. the stage the actors and actresses are huddled in little whispering groups. The stage manager calls time, and the first words of the play are spoken for the first time officially. It is a reading rehearsal, the actors having their parts-little typewritten brochures. with the cues red-lined-in their hands. After a few days they are required to be "dead-letter-perfect" with their lines, so that attention can be concentrated upon the entrances, ex-, groupings and general "business" of the action. All these are mapped out on large sheets of paper resembling meteorological charts. The stage man ager's annotations on the copy" of the play almost equal in volume the words written by the author It has been said, and very truly, that plays are not written, but rewritten Weeks pass; rehearsals go on strenuously and the thousand and one sucgestions and inspirations arising from the daily contact of many minds crys tallize into a consistent whole, which is "the play" as the public will see it

on the first night of its performance. The preparation of it, as here outlined has cost the manager or "producer" is round figures \$10,000. The production of a comic opera, in first class style with a large company and chorus, cost may, and frequently does, involve an actual outlay of \$20,000 before the cur-

tain is raised. Was a Friend of Lincoln. Robert Fell died suddenly, in Bloom ington, Ill., aged 84. He was a brothe of the late Jesse W. Fell of Normal and a close friend of Abraham Lincoln and for a time associated with him in business affairs.

It Depends. Teacher-What is the difference be (ween a fixed star and any other star? Pupil-It depends a good deal upon the advance agent.-Boston Transcript.

Misunderstood. She-"No gentleman should call of lady after drinking intoxicants." He -"That is so, but how is he to know until he sees her?"-Indianapolis Jour-

Two of a Kind. Mrs. Bright-"Reading is my husband's great passion." Mrs. Knight-"Mine is affected the same way when he reads my dressmaker's bills,'

FLOTSAM AND JET SAM.

Austria has about half as many in habitants as Germany. Attendance in the Chicago public schools is 13,000 higher than last year.

It is estimated that Japan's national debt will in 1900 amount to 495,700,000 It is calculated that 21,000 people sleep nightly aboard steamers on the

Thames. A Kansas City man whose name i Ananias bears a very good reputation for truthfulness. A consignment of sixty-five tierces

of corned horse meat has just been sent from Linton, Oregon, to Rotterdam. The militia force of Canada bears much larger proportion to the total population than does that of the Unit-

terbury advises his clergy to burn their sermons when they have preached them three times. Most house plants do well in an av erage temperature of not more than

It is said that the Archbishop of Can

50 degrees at night, with 20 or 25 de grees higher in the daytime. "They say that the Italian coun she married turned out to be an organ grinder." "Well, at any rate, he had a handle to his name."-Brooklyn Life. Good housemaids command 50 cents a month in Japan, nurses receive from \$1 to \$1.50, and a cook who under stands European cookery can deman from \$5 to \$7. The food cost of ser vants is estimated at \$1 a month.

ister-I once performed three wedding ceremonies in twelve minutes. Miss Saylor-That was at the rate of fifteen knots an hour.-Tit-Bits.

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOV ERY AND INVENTION.

for for the Suburhanite-A Motor Lawn A Public Water Supply-The Causes

of Caucer. A Public Hot Water Supply. HE question dwelling a supply hot water is furnished is be-

health and cleanliness can scarcely be exaggeraed. The them with extra covering the warm! extremely poor are not able to buy usually furnished by circulation. sufficient fuel to heat water enough to keep up proper sanitary conditions. The supply would be from a central plant, and a most rigid account would be rendered of the amount of hot water used, each family, or persons, being allowed a certain amount, which would have to be duly ascertained. Another idea would be the utilizing of waste heat of the street gas lamps The heat generates steam and is driven into a reservoir of water which is sit uated in a chamber below the lamp There is a penny-in-the-slot machine attached, and by dropping in a small coin a certain amount of water may be secured. The criticism is made on this plan that it necessitates continuous burning of gas, which is by no means conomical. The water would be wanted in the daytime, when ordinarlly there is little, if any, gas consumed ise a common burner, as the incandescent lights are extremely economcal in gas consumption. It would appear that a new system of some sort that would necessarily accrue from

A Mycological Cabinet. So important have mushrooms be come as an article of diet that the sorts of fungi has been for some time attracting the attention of scientists. Educational bulletins are sent out, and a large amount of literature is being distributed with a view to familiarizing the public with this product. is not enough to follow the old rule, "If you live it's a mushroom: if you dle it's a toadstool;" but the difference in the varieties must be clearly understood in order to avoid risk to prepared, showing the form, color and general appearance of the specimens belonging to this family. In view of the fact that almost everybody is fond of mushrooms, and that they would be in more general use if people were not afraid of them, it is suggested that the agricultural experiment stations prepare colored plates that may be furnished to the public schools on de mand, and that whenever opportunit offers lectures on this subject be given It would also be interesting to start a the country where mushrooms abound and to cultivate a taste for this deli cious edible. Mushrooms are not difficult to grow and they are a most welcome addition to the table of the rich and poor alike.

Steel Casks Are Used Now. A steel cask is being extensively ad vertised in England, as a substitute for ordinary wooden barrels for shinping petroleum, medicinal extracts, esthat the Standard Oil company's Gerthis novel cask. Plain terne coated steel sheets are employed in its conthrough a corrugating machine, which forms parallel corrugations from end to end and considerably stiffen and strengthen the cask when completed. In order to obtain the necessary curvature to the cask, it is passed through a second machine, which forms the Realm. oilge by taking the corrugations of different dimensions; in other words, it opens out the corrugations in the middle and presses those at the top and bottom together. A number of hydraulic presses are used to cut ou the circular ends and to form in them at the same time a raised section which assists in stiffening the ends The parts are then put together, the side seam being closed by means of specially made machine that produce a perfectly secure joint, but solder i employed to render all sections quit tight. The advantages claimed for this cask are great durability, strength



and exceptionally small repairs. Th first cost is greater than that of a wooden barrel, but the extreme length of life, and freedom from loss of contents by breakage, leakage, etc., more than compensate for this. There is no loss by absorption as in the case with wood.-Ex.

Death from Chewing Gum,

The death of a seven-year-old child in England from chewing gum has called attention to the fact that more or less danger always lurks in the us of such articles. While the gum itself may not be sufficiently poisonous to cause death or illness, there are number of cases on record where children have swallowed the gum, the result being the clogging of the passage eading from the atomach, followed by inflammation and death. As a gen eral thing gum of all sorts is a mos excellent thing to let alone. Of course this is a warning that is bound to pas unheeded, as gum has its devotess, and they will, under no elreumstances give up what is to them a very grea enjoyment. It is, however, utmost importance that the hygienic

tice, and to such people the habit is little more or less than suicidal.

Heart Beats in Sleep. From the New Orleans Times-Demo crat: Why one takes cold easily ly-Mower-Steel Casks Are Used Now- ing down with their clothes on and If why the necessity of cover during sleep is because nature takes the time when one is lying down to give the heart rest and that organ consequently makes ten strokes less per minute than when one is in an upright posture Multiply that by sixty minutes and is 600 strokes. Therefore, in eight hours spent in lying down the heart i through pipes in saved nearly 5,000 strokes, and as the the same fashion heart pumps six ounces of blood with as the cold water each stroke, it lifts 30,000 ounces les of blood in a night of eight hours spa ing discussed. The in bed than when one is in an uprigh importance of this position. As the blood flows so much as a measure of more slowly through the veins when one is lying down, one must supply

> Joy for the Suburbaulte. The day long desired by the suburpanite would seem to be at hand. The lawn mower with which he can obey



in many localities; besides, one must grass, and which, nevertheless, wil not produce muscular rheumatism, has been made. The motor lawn mower has been invented. The chief objection to the hand propelled mower every tional consumption of gas and possibly | tender grass, but in the motor mower a more brilliant light. It is an un- there is nothing to interfere with the ties than an ample supply of hot water. on the three rollers of the machine grounds.-Chicago News.

The Causes of Cancer.

There are few diseases that afflict the human family that are more to be question of deciding upon the various dreaded than those of a cancerous nature. The cancer proper is a most appalling foe to life. Whether it can be cured is and always has been a debatable question. Cases are cited where alleged marvelous cures have been efciable extent alter the facts in the case that the cancer is practically incurable have been so imperfectly understood life. A series of illustrations has been that any effort at prevention was wors. than useless. A French scientis claims to have discovered camer germs in wood, and that artisans who work in wood are much more subject to this disease, all things being con sidered, than those who handle mos other materials. Having once started on this line of search, he found can cer germs in wood and vegetation of various kinds. Elm and willow trees showed a greater preponderance these germs than other woods. high altitudes or where trees are no common, very few cancer germs were ound; from all of which it appear that we may be at last on the high road to some reliable and conclusive knowledge upon a subject which has baffled the skill of medical scientist for many years.

Theory and Practice. Whenever we make theory and practice coincide we do well, but who would suppose that man could theorize on so practical a subject as sential oils and chemicals. It is said cating. Yet this is a part of the science of hygiene. The process by man branch has extensively adopted which food is converted into nutriment is not here explained, and the means by which nutriment is assimistruction, these being first passed lated by the tissues is part of another science. But without the aid of any science we know that food must be come tissue in the body through change, by a different arrangement of its elements, by metabolism, anabolism and catabolism. - Household

Sollioquy of a Witness. "I stepped in the court room at Na pa one day," said Attorney Garret Mc Enerney, "while a murder trial was in progress. A prominent citizen name Wilson had been shot down in his field and the only witness, a half-witted re ative of the deceased, was on the wit ness stand for the prosecution. "'What did you do when he fell asked the prosecuting attorney. " 'I walked up to where he was ly ing.

"Then what did you do?" "The witness paused, reflected a mo ment with contracted brows to con centrate his scattered faculties on the matter, and then replied very solemn-

"'I said: "There he is. School trustee. (Pause.) Notary (Pause.) Justice of the public. peace. (Pause.) Delegator. (Pause. All gone to Hades in one pop." San Francisco Post.

He Had a Cinch. They had been telling stories about the weather when the man with the chin whiskers suddenly broke in: "Out in Kansas-

All the rest instantly threw up their "It's no use," they said. "Give the Kansas man the prize."-Chicago Post.

Uncle Billy's Wisdom. "Bobby asked Uncle Billy what noise

"What did Uncle Billy tell him?" "He told him it was any old kind of racket-except the kind we like to make ourselves."-Detroit Free Pres

Grimsey-Hey, Jimmy, git a cent an we'll go on de weighin' machine. Jimmy-Naw, me old man won's elmme none Grimsey-Gee! Ast him where's his

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He-If you do not accept me, I shall shoot myself. She-But you change your mind often.-Life.

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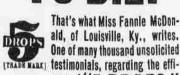
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be presented to Mme. Nordica by her admirers among the box and seat holders of the Metropolitan Opera House, has been put on exhibition in New York. The coronet contains 233 diamonds, which range in size from 11/2 carats to 1-8 of a carat. There are about a dozen of the larger stones, and the total weight of the diamonds in the tiara is about 30 carats. Its cost will not be far from \$5,000. The style of coronet is that of Adams, in the time of the first empire. The tiara is built upon a base band of gold, which will rest upon the wearer's head and keep the diamond-set crown from sinking into the bair. This band is, however, only a round wire of gold about 1-12 of an inch in diameter. At its ends are loops into which hairpins or ribbons may be fastened to secure the coronet to the head. Above the base and resting on wire uprights is the base proper of the tiara. This consists of a double line of diamonds, containing in all about seventy-five stones, inclosing a row of larger stones. Above this on either side is seroll work of diamonds conventional grasses, and between these conventional flowers, all of diamonds. The tiara stands very high in front and the center piece is a remarkmust be employed. The great profit suburbanite knows. He has felt it in ably effective specimen of jeweler's his aching bones often enough to be work. It is an open, graceful cluster the continual dropping of coins in the familiar with it. The horse-drawn of sprige and flowers, and contains in slot machines would justify an addi- mower tramples down the fresh and all sixty-six diamonds. The tips of the sprigs contain the largest stones in the tiara, each sprig holding a single stone, questioned fact that there are few grass before it passes under the cut- and the centers of the conventional things more necessary in crowded ei- ters, and the great weight concentrated flowers are also formed of single stones of large size. The center piece of the There is no better destroyer of germs, | rolls out the imperfections and leaved | crown can be separated from the rest and complete cleanliness cannot be se- a solid, even sod-a valuable feature and used by itself as an ornament for cured without its use.-New York especially in golf and other recreation the hair. For this purpose it is provided with a gold comb, which site at right angles with the front. This comb serves to steady the tiara when the entire jewel is worn. The idea of making a gift to Mme. Nordica is said to have originated among some of her admirers at the Waldorf, but it did not take definite form until Mr. James Otic took it in hand. He invited the great singer's friends to contribute for the purpose but limited the contributions to fected, but this does not to any appre- \$10 each. The date for the presentation has not been fixed, but it will probably take place on one of the big nights once it gets any sort of headway in the when Nordica sings during the coming system. The causes of this disease supplementary season of opera, which will begin on April 13 .- New York Sun.

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